

2002-2003
School Calendar

New teacher
orientation 8/28
Teachers return
8/29 & 8/30
Labor Day
Students
return 9/3

Yom Kippur

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 19				
M	T	W	T	F
		28	29	30
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

No School
Teacher's Day

OCTOBER 22				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14*	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 18				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Thanksgiving
vacation

DECEMBER 15				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Christmas
vacation

JANUARY 20				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21*	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

No School
ML King
/teacher's day

FEBRUARY 15				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Good
Friday/vacation

MARCH 20				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14*
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

No school
Teacher's Day

APRIL 16				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Good
Friday/vacation

MAY 21				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Memorial Day

JUNE 15				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	{5}	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

High School
Graduation

181st Day = June 20, 2003
186th Day = June 27, 2003

Lobban named Middle School principal

TOM KENNEDY
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Stephen Lobban has been appointed the new principal of Shrewsbury Middle School. He succeeds Maryjo Moon who has retired.

Dr. Lobban, who started his new role on July 1, comes to Shrewsbury from Delmar, NY where he served as Middle School Principal of the Bethlehem Central School District. Delmar is just outside Albany, NY. Dr. Lobban was responsible for the 1,200 students in grade 6-8. He had held this position since 1994. He previously served as Middle School Principal in East Greenbush, NY for seven years. In addition, Dr. Lobban was a teacher, Chapter One reading coordinator, assistant principal and principal in the Gateway Regional School District in Huntington, MA for seventeen years. He is a graduate of Westfield State College where he received both a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education. Dr. Lobban was awarded a Doctor of Education Degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

As Principal of the Bethlehem Central School District's Middle School, Dr. Lobban oversaw a major building renovation program to help ease overcrowding. Under his leadership the Bethlehem Central Middle School was recognized for its gain in student achievement. He has also been

involved with differentiated instruction, the development of a data driven School Improvement Plan, an award winning "Parent to Parent Handbook", and the implementation of a School Resource Officer program.

The process to appoint Dr. Lobban as principal included an initial interview with a panel that consisted of teacher, administrator, and parent representation. Dr. Lobban then spent a day in Shrewsbury with the primary focus of the visit spending time at the Middle School. The visit included time with students, staff, administrators and parents. Five members of the interview committee then visited the Bethlehem Central School District.

Dr. Lobban was praised for being student-centered, a good listener and a strong supporter of professional development for staff. His strong yet collaborative leadership style, his knowledge of the student body, his ability to work effectively with parents, and his personal integrity and professional excellence were also hallmarks of his career.

Commenting upon his move to the Shrewsbury Public Schools, Dr. Lobban noted "It is my belief that Shrewsbury fits my desire to serve a student centered-school district with the demonstrated ability to sustain the community support necessary to ensure the success of every student served by its schools."

As he starts his new role in



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Dr. Stephen Lobban
Middle School Principal

Shrewsbury Dr. Lobban is ready to face some of the unique challenges including the relocation of the eighth grade students to the high school for two years and the addition of the Floral Street fifth grade students to the middle school facility. He has indicated that, "It is a priority to make the grade five community - students, staff, and parents - feel welcome as they come to the middle school." In addition, he is working with the Middle School community "to be sure the grade eight students, staff, and parents feel connected to the Shrewsbury Middle School."

Banios principal at Spring Street School

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Among the changes in the district as the 2002/03 school year is about to commence is a new principal at Spring Street School. Mrs. Mary Beth Banios was appointed principal in March. She replaces Dr. BJ Lates who has retired.

Mrs. Banios, while new to Spring Street, is not entirely new to Shrewsbury. She has served as Assistant Principal at Floral Street School since July 1, 2001. The decision to pursue the principalship at Spring Street School was a difficult decision for Mary Beth as she very much enjoyed her first year in the district as Assistant Principal at Floral Street School. However, the position at Spring Street presented a professional growth opportunity that she felt was too good not to pursue.

At Floral Street School Mary Beth was involved with several instructional and curriculum initiatives, including Guided Reading. Her caring and positive leadership style also helped maintain the positive school culture that exists at Floral Street School.

In her first year in the district Mary Beth was impressed with the overall excellence of the instructional program, the dedicated and committed staff, the quality students, the high level of parent involvement and the overall level of community support. She decided this would be an ideal district in which to become principal. Her decision was further reinforced as she learned more about Spring Street School. Throughout the selection process Mary Beth was also well received by the Spring Street School community. The interview process provided time for her to interact with staff, students

and parents. Her child centered approach, solid curriculum knowledge, strong interpersonal skills, along with her strong values supporting a collegial atmosphere for teaching and learning, make her an excellent selection for this key leadership role.

Mrs. Banios is a graduate of Bridgewater State College where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and International Relations. She received a Master in Education degree, with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction, from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. Mrs. Banios has continued her post-graduate work at both the University of Massachusetts-Boston and Cambridge College, where she is currently enrolled in a program to receive a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS).

Mrs. Banios started her education career as a grade two classroom teacher in the Beverly Public Schools, a position she held for eight years. In Beverly she was also involved with the School Council and district-wide curriculum initiatives. Prior to coming to Shrewsbury as Assistant Principal at Floral Street School, Mrs. Banios worked for the Reading Public Schools as District-wide Language Arts Elementary Instructional Specialist. She held this position for three years and was recognized for her work in coordinating the adoption and implementation of a new elementary language arts program for the district. She also organized and directed year-round professional development activities in the area of differentiated instruction and literacy.

This summer has been a busy period for Mary Beth. In addition to preparing for the opening of



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Ms. Mary Beth Banios
Spring Street principal

school and her first principalship, she has been involved in the hiring of staff and participating in professional development. Professional development continues to be a key area of interest for Mary Beth - both for herself and staff. For several years she has been hired by the Massachusetts Department of Education to provide summer training for teachers throughout the state. In addition, she attended a weeklong workshop in the area of teacher supervision and evaluation.

Mary Beth indicated that her first year in Shrewsbury as Assistant Principal at Floral Street has prepared her well for her new role as principal at Spring Street School. While the Floral Street community is sad to see Mary Beth leave, they are, nonetheless, pleased that the district will be able to continue to utilize her curriculum knowledge and leadership skills at Spring Street School.